

Tune Report shows aged care reform necessary to ensure better outcomes for CALD consumers

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia, the peak national body representing older Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Australians, today welcomed the release of the Tune Report and urged the Government to take note of the recommendations for further reform of the aged care system.

Ms Mary Patetsos, FECCA's Chair of Healthy Ageing said: "FECCA has been working closely with the Government to push for broad and continued reform of the aged care sector and to ensure that the interests of older CALD Australians are being met by the aged care reform agenda."

"FECCA welcomes the wide range of recommendations in the report including: improvements to Home Care Packages; better support for consumers; a national aged care workforce strategy; and the improved capacity and usability of the My Aged Care system," she said.

Ms Patetsos continued: "FECCA has been particularly active in urging the Government to improve the capability of My Aged Care so that consumers can identify providers offering specialist, culturally appropriate and high quality care to older CALD Australians."

"Older Australians of all backgrounds must have choice and control over the services they access to ensure they have high quality, dignified and culturally appropriate care in their older age."

Ms Patetsos said: "We are therefore pleased to see that the report emphasises the need for the My Aged Care website to allow consumers to search providers by population group."

"We look forward to working with the Department to develop and implement this important improvement," she said.

FECCA is the peak national body representing Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. FECCA's role is to advocate and promote issues on behalf of its constituency to government, business and the broader community.

About the Tune Review

In 2012, legislation was passed to reform the aged care system. This legislation mandated an Aged Care Legislated Review in 2017 to monitor the progress of the reforms. The Review was led by David Tune AO PSM, Chair of the Aged Care Sector Committee and concluded that the "reforms have successfully taken the aged care system further along the road to a consumer driven and sustainable system, as intended, but that further reforms will be needed in future."

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